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SUBJ: MBFR: TEXT OF SOVIET STATEMENT

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SOVIET OPENING STATEMENT AS SCHEDULED FOR
DELIVERY ON OCTOBER 31. BEGIN TEXT.

1. WE ARE GATHERED IN THIS HALL TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE
REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE. IN THE
NAME OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION I SHOULD LIKE FIRST OF ALL TO WEL-
COME THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OTHER STATES PARTICIPATING IN THE
TALKS, TOGETHER WITH WHOM WE FACE MUCH WORK SO THAT OUR JOINT EF-
FORTS TO WORK OUT FUTURE AGREEMENTS ON THE REDUCTION OF ARMED
FORCES IN THE CENTER OF EUROPE MAY ACHIEVE SUCCESS. I SHOULD LIKE
TO JOIN THE OTHER DELEGATIONS IN EXPRESSING OUR THANKS TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRIA FOR THE HOSPITALITY IT HAS SHOWN AND FOR
THE CREATION OF FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. OUR NEGOTIATIONS ARE A MATTER OF GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR EUROPE

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AND FOR THE WHOLE SITUATION IN THE WORLD. THEY ARE BEGINNING IN

THE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF THE TURNING POINT OF A PROTRACTED PERIOD OF TENSION TO DETENTE AND BUSINESSLIKE COOPERATION. THE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE OF STATES OF DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS IS RECEIVING EVEN WIDER RECOGNITION NOW. THE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE US ON THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR AND THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC ARMAMENTS, AND THE WELL KNOWN TREATIES AMONG THE USSR, THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND THE GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC, THE FOUR-POWER AGREEMENT ON WEST BERLIN AND THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE USSR AND FRANCE ARE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THIS POSITIVE PROCESS.

3. THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DETENTE IN RELATIONS AMONG EUROPEAN STATES IS REFLECTED IN THE CONVOCATION OF THE CONFERENCE ON QUESTIONS OF SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. THIS CONFERENCE WAS CALLED TO STRENGTHEN SUCH PRINCIPLES AS THE INTEGRITY OF THE TERRITORY OF ALL THE STATES OF EUROPE, THE INVIOABILITY OF THEIR FRONTIERS, THE NON-USE OF FORCE OR THE THREAT OF FORCE IN RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES, NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ONE ANOTHER AND THE DEVELOPMENT ON SUCH A BASIS OF MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS COOPERATION IN VARIOUS SPHERES. THE SOVIET UNION CONSIDERS THAT IN THE INTERESTS OF GUARANTEEING RELIABLE SECURITY IN EUROPE, POLITICAL DETENTE ON THIS CONTINENT MUST BE SUPPLEMENTED BY MEASURES OF MILITARY DETENTE. THIS IS WHAT WE SEE AS THE GOAL OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS.

4. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE EUROPEAN - AND NOT ONLY THE EUROPEAN - CONTINENT, THE TASK OF REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS, TASK OF DISARMAMENT, HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE PRACTICAL LEVEL. FOR THE FIRST TIME THE REPRESENTATIVES OF A GROUP OF COUNTRIES ARE SITTING AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE TOGETHER TO WORK OUT CONSTRUCTIVE MEASURES FOR MUTUAL REDUCTIONS OF THEIR ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE. IT IS A SECRET TO NO ONE THAT PRECISELY IN THIS REGION OF THE GLOBE, WHICH TWICE IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY HAS BEEN THE LOCUS OF WORLD WARS WHICH BROUGHT COLOSSAL DESTRUCTION OF MATERIAL TREASURES AND DEATH TO MILLIONS OF PEOPLE, THERE ARE CONCENTRATED THE MOST POWERFUL LAND AND AIR FORCES AND A GREAT QUANTITY OF CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND MILITARY TECHNOLOGY IS DEPLOYED.

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5. IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT THE SOVIET UNION, TOGETHER WITH OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OF EUROPE, HAS REPEATEDLY MADE PROPOSALS IN THE POSTWAR PERIOD AIMED AT REDUCING ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS ON THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT. THE CESSATION OF THE ARMS RACE AND THE REALIZATION OF EFFECTIVE MEASURES OF DISARMAMENT ARE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TASKS, ASSUMED AT THE TWENTY-FOURTH CONGRESS OF THE CPSU, OF THE PROGRAM OF PEACE WHICH HAS ACCORDINGLY BEEN PUT INTO EFFECT BY OUR PARTY AND THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT. THE COMMENCE-

MENT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS THEREFORE GIVES US DEEP SATISFACTION.

6. WE HAVE COME TO VIENNA WITH THE FIRM INTENTION OF DEVOTING MAXIMUM EFFORT TO GIVING THE NEGOTIATIONS A BUSINESSLIKE AND CONSTRUCTIVE CHARACTER AND TO WORK OUT PRACTICAL MEASURES FOR THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS.

7. OUR NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT BEGINNING IN A VACUUM. USEFUL WORK HAD ALREADY BEEN DONE AT PREPARATORY CONSULTATIONS IN VIENNA. A SERIES OF IMPORTANT QUESTIONS WAS CAREFULLY CONSIDERED AND AGREED UPON BY THE DELEGATIONS OF NINETEEN STATES: THE SUBJECT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WAS DEFINED MUTUAL REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS AND ASSOCIATED MEASURES IN CENTRAL EUROPE; THE CIRCLE OF STATES PARTICIPATING IN FUTURE AGREEMENTS ON THE REDUCTION OF TROOPS AND ARMAMENTS WAS STRENGTHENED, NAMELY BELGIUM, GREAT BRITAIN, THE GDR, CANADA, LUXEMBURG, THE NETHERLANDS, POLAND, THE USSR, THE US, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA; THE AREA OF FUTURE REDUCTIONS WAS DELIMITED. WE CONSIDER AS PREVIOUSLY OTHER EUROPEAN STATES INTERESTED IN THIS MIGHT ALSO TAKE PART IN THE EXAMINATION OF THE PROBLEM TO BE CONSIDERED BY US. ALSO IMPORTANT IS THE UNDERSTANDING ACHIEVED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONSULTATIONS THAT CONCRETE MEASURES FOR THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE MUST BE WORKED OUT AND IMPLEMENTED SO THAT IN ALL RELATIONS AND AT ANY MOMENT THEY CORRESPOND TO THE BASIC PRINCIPLE OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY TO ANY SIDE.

8. THE POSITIVE RESULTS OF THE PREPARATORY CONSULTATIONS CREATED GOOD PRECEDENTS FOR PURPOSEFUL PROGRESS TOWARD RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM BEFORE US. END TEXT.HUMES

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